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ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
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Dear General Smith:

For some time elements of the Department of Defense have been preparing a codification of laws affecting the Department of Defense. Obviously in such a project, there are many laws affecting other agencies of the Government which will be in some way changed. Consequently, it seems appropriate that the Department should make you aware of this project and invite your comments to such changes as they are being made.

It is contemplated that, when finally completed, the project will incorporate into a new Title 10 of the United States Code, entitled "Armed Forces," the great bulk of the present Titles 10 and 34 with some incorporation of matters now appearing elsewhere in the code.

It is expected that Title 10 will have four subdivisions. Subtitle A will be general defense law, and will consist of that portion of the law affecting the entire Department of Defense. It is in this section that most of the National Security Act will appear. Subtitle B will be confined to laws relating primarily to the Army, Subtitle C will contain laws relating to the Navy, and Subtitle D will contain laws relating to the Air Force.

The project has progressed to the point where Subtitles B and D have been completed and referred respectively to the staffs of the Army and the Air Force for comment. Subtitle C is still being drafted by the Navy codification group, and Subtitle A is still being drafted by the joint Army-Air Force codification group as a drafting service for the Office of the Secretary of Defense. It is expected that Subtitle C will be ready in printed form by about 1 December, and it is hoped that Subtitle A will be ready by about 1 January.

Because of the interest the Central Intelligence Agency will have in the final draft of Subtitle A, and because of the possibility that CIA may have interest in other sections, there is submitted herewith the preliminary drafts of Subtitles B and D for information and such recommendations as you may wish to make. When Subtitles A and C are ready, they also will be offered to you for comment. Of course, if you do not wish to comment at this time, a final draft of the completed Title 10 will be offered to the Bureau of the Budget early in 1953.

However, it will probably be easier to make such changes that your agency may suggest at this time than will be the case when the document is in final form at the Bureau of the Budget, and it is for that reason that this letter and attachments are submitted to you now.

Sincerely yours,

Charles A. Coolidge
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Attachments

General Walter B. Smith
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